

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jun MASUDA et al

CONF. NO.

SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION

ART UNIT:

FILING DATE: September 20, 2006

EXAMINER:

FOR: METAL MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF CASTING  
MACHINE, MOLTEN ALUMINUM ALLOY-CONTACT  
MEMBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number NEW APPLICATION, filed September 20, 2006, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

**COUNTRY**  
Japan

**APPLICATION NUMBER**  
2004-082990

**MONTH/DAY/YEAR**  
March 22, 2004

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

Respectfully submitted,

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